

Safe and Strong Steering Group Meeting
31 January 2013
Council House, Plymouth

<p>Attendees; Pete Aley Mark Benden (MB) Rob Bourne (RB) on behalf of George Plenderleith Chris Clewer (CC) Sarah Hopkins (SH) Stuart Palmer (SP) Keith Pascoe (KP) on behalf of Chris Bridgeman Cllr Chris Penberthy (CP) – Chair Marion Tremlett (MT) Di Baumer (DB)</p>	<p>Apologies; George Plenderleith (GP) (Vice Chair) Dave Simpkins Susan Shaw Gary Wallace (GW) Dr David Croot (DC) Chris Bridgeman (CB)</p>
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Decisions Made/Points to note/Actions

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1	<p>Welcome to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marion Tremlett, attending on behalf of Dave Simpkins • Rob Bourne, attending on behalf of George Plenderleith • Fiona Fleming – attending for Item 4c • Natasha Giles (PPP Team) attending for Item 5d 		
2	<p>Notes/Decisions/Actions from last meeting (29/11/2012):</p> <p>Updates on outstanding actions from previous meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on EIG allocation and its distribution awaited. • Drug Epidemic – GW still to provide a briefing note that could be shared with stakeholders and Members and a ‘storyboard’ for partners and for sharing with Council Departments. • Reducing Reoffending Peninsula Strategy – ‘courts statement’ – MB to speak 	<p>DS/MT</p> <p>GW</p>	

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	<p>to Ian Ansell. MB discussing report at next Reducing Reoffending Group next week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs – set up T&F Group to look at current issues raised at S&S – SH liaising with Craig McCardle to discuss most appropriate way forward – a report/update will come back to S&S at the appropriate time. 	<p>MB</p> <p>SH</p>	
3. PERFORMANCE REPORT:			
4a	<p>SH reported headlines on performance year-to-date as follows:</p> <p>Level 2 indicator - “Close the Gap in Overall Crime¹”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently on target. An 11% reduction for the period April to December 2012/13 when compared to the same period the year before (1,233 fewer crimes). <p>Level 3 targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Acquisitive Crime – Currently on target. Target for 2012/13 – not more than 2,517 crimes. Total Apr-Dec = 1,743. • Criminal Damage – Currently on target. Target for 2012/13 – not more than 3,868 crimes. Total Apr-Dec = 2,412. • Violence with Injury – Slightly off target. Target for 2012/13 – not more than 2,594 crimes. Total Apr-Dec 1,964. However this still represents a 4% decrease on the same period in 2011/12. • ASB – Currently exceeding target. Target for 2012/13 – not more than 18,463 crimes. Total year to date 7,977. <p>S&S noted Plymouth’s position in MSFG had improved from 6th to 5th best out of 15.</p> <p>MB advised re-offending figures in Plymouth remained high but that there were</p>		

¹ Close the gap between the 10 worst neighbourhoods for crime (City Centre, Stonehouse, Morice Town, Mutley, East End, Devonport, Barne Barton, Greenbank & University, Whiteleigh, Stoke) and the city average.

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	<p>less new entrants which might suggest some preventative work maybe having an impact. Further work being done with Analysts on re-offending statistics. It was reported that there appears to be less youth offending, but that the type of offending being committed by young people was more acute.</p> <p>Decision: S&S acknowledged this good performance.</p>		
4. RESOURCE DECISIONS:			
4a	<p>Homes and Communities Restructure –</p> <p>SP updated S&S on the outcome of the restructure which was complete. The aim of the restructure was to ensure ‘teams around the problems/challenges that the city faces’, closer to the issue and closer to the customer.</p> <p>Decision: S&S noted the update</p>		
4b	<p>SARC Future Commissioning -</p> <p>A report was provided to the meeting providing the current situation and raising concerns regarding immediate and future commissioning of SARCs locally and across the peninsula and that the local SARC Commissioning Board had not met since March 2012 leaving some uncertainty particularly for commissioned services and no clarity about the way forward, especially locally and with forthcoming national changes/introduction of NHS Commissioning Boards.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S&S agreed the recommendations and that they be passed back to the Chair of the local SARC Commissioning Board. • This was subject of Budget Scrutiny –PA to check in minutes/amendment in relation to the ‘Health’ responsibility’ • MB to forward useful paper on NHS/CCG 	<p>SH PA MB</p>	

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4c	<p>Domestic Abuse – Commissioning/Outcomes (Fiona Fleming (FF) in attendance to present this item)</p> <p>FF attended to present the outcomes for domestic abuse to be included in the commissioning plan and forthcoming tender. She advised sufficient funding secured to support the top end/high risk victims and to sustain this. Length of contract being tendered is 5 years + provision for a 2-year extension.</p> <p>An allocation also identified for early intervention and perpetrators – FF advised she would be happy to report to S&S in the future on the outcomes of this.</p> <p>FF felt it was important to keep pressure on Health in terms of shared responsibility and, if needed, as welfare reform ‘bites’ – as at the moment main funding sources were Council and Police.</p> <p>Demand on service to be monitored. Confirmation on the Police ‘indicative’ commitment of £110K still awaited.</p> <p>Decision: S&S noted this update</p>		
4d	<p>Drug/Alcohol Treatment – Feedback from T&F Group</p> <p>SH advised that there had been difficulties in progressing this – but there had also been a clear direction from Carole Burgoyne for her to work with Craig McCardle in Adult Social Care/Commissioning,</p> <p>Query about where do the DAAT goes as of 1st April 2013 when Health transfer into the Council.</p> <p>SH advised a meeting was being arranged between Craig, Mark Benden and Gary Wallace to explore a way forward.</p>		

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5. STRATEGIC DECISIONS:			
5a	<p>Police and Crime Panels Update (Standing Item) SH advised the Panel met on 17 Jan 2013. Key items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion between Chair of the Panel and the Police and Crime Commissioner including agreed ways of working between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Panel. • Police and Crime Commissioner presented emerging strategic themes, objectives and priorities for the police and crime plan • proposals for dealing with the confirmation hearing of pcc's selection for chief constable panel • the process for dealing with non-criminal complaints about the police and crime commissioner • report on feedback and support from other panels regarding the precept regulation and timeline. • work programme/future meeting dates <p>CP advised that the he and the Leader met with the Commissioner in December and agreed to meet regularly. They discussed the importance of sourcing/maintaining resources for Plymouth. The Commissioner was provided with a briefing pack about the issues and challenges for Plymouth. They also discussed the licensing review and options around the new powers in regard to late night levy and early morning restriction orders. This was a positive meeting.</p> <p>CP advised that the Commissioner was also regularly attending the Peninsula CSP Chairs meetings.</p> <p>Decision: S&S noted this update.</p>		

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5b	<p>Police and Crime Plan Consultation</p> <p>The draft Police and Crime Plan was discussed and was here as part of the consultation. This was a very high level plan, but there was no expectation that the Plan would detailed. It was felt the measures were very generic and not drilled down to local policing areas. It was agreed that the ‘differentials’ and the unique and distinct challenges experienced in Plymouth were not captured but should be reiterated in the feedback. How the targets were determined and arrived at would be key. CP advised that it would be sufficient for him to respond to the consultation on behalf of the CSP and this would be backed by the Leader.</p> <p>CP asked SH to circulate the final version of the Peninsula Strategic Assessment and asked S&S members to reflect on what this is saying for a further discussion at future S&S meeting.</p> <p>Decision: S&S agreed the method for feeding back on the Consultation to the Police and Crime Plan.</p>	<p>SH All</p> <p>SH/CP</p>	
5c	<p>Report from Peninsula CSP Chairs (Standing Item)</p> <p>The last meeting was cancelled due to bad weather – no report/update for this meeting.</p>		
5d	<p>Child Poverty Plan – Consultation (Presentation by Natasha Giles)</p> <p>NG attended and gave the S&S members a brief overview of the child poverty plan consultation process how it will get signed off and how partners could still feed in even though the deadline was today. The underpinning aim was to identify how we can work together creatively to deliver preventative measures and address child poverty as a city strategy based on a needs analysis. The Plan is focused around 3 themes:</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •financial support and independence •family life and children’s life chances •communities and neighbourhoods. <p>Connecting this with other plans was fundamental.</p> <p>S&S were advised that success potentially preventing further escalation of levels of poverty which would be challenging in itself.</p> <p>Decision: S&S noted the request and partners acknowledged opportunity to still feed in to the consultation process and support the journey of the plan.</p>		
5e	<p>Welfare Reform (Standing Item)</p> <p>PA advised S&S of the two most current and significant factors of concern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • delay in the benefits cap – hitting snags • flat rate pension scheme – announcement will have an impact. <p>Locally there are two schemes which may assist but these have also in themselves been subject of cuts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax Support • Emergency and Welfare Fund (provides cash and eg white-goods for people on low incomes and in crisis, and there are restrictions on the number of times people can claim. Demand on service unknown quantity) <p>Working families are likely to be some of the ‘hardest hit’ when having to pay additional council tax,</p> <p>It is envisaged that autumn/winter 2013 will be the crunch time for people and</p>		

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	<p>where the impact will be really starting to be felt by families.</p> <p>PA advised that the Police had provided a PCSO to work full time for a fixed period of time who has been doing a lot of work to determine 'on the ground' feedback from offenders in the form of qualitative information about why offenders might be offending or re-offending.</p> <p>PA further advised that the Council had made efficiencies elsewhere in order to plough into support payments. The Council would also be arranging more publicity about support for people and families. Awareness of credit unions needs to be raised – the more they're used the more support they can provide.</p> <p>MB advised it would be good to raise some basic awareness in Probation. Also, that Probation might look at their assessment tool to take account of the welfare reform and the impact it might have on their clients.</p> <p>The Fire Service are also looking at some work around these issues.</p> <p>Decision S&S noted the update.</p>		
5d	<p>Sex Workers/Prostitution</p> <p>CP raised this as an issue. Whilst not necessarily a city priority, this is certainly an issue in the Stonehouse community in particular, there had been recent meetings involving 11 different agencies. There are currently 54 'visible' sex-workers known to services in the area. CP wanted to explore what the CSP role was and where the issue sits. There were two strands to this work,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASB/sex and drug litter (and kerb crawling) • The safety of the sex workers themselves 		

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	<p>CP proposed this needed scoping out and looking at best practice elsewhere and maybe this could be tasked to one of the delivery groups?</p> <p>Decision S&S acknowledged the issue and endorsed some scoping activity by the CSP to identify best practice and tools for addressing the issues.</p>	<p>CP/SH</p>	
6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:			
<p>6</p>	<p>S&S were advised that as of 1st April, 2013, Clinical Commissioning Groups become a statutory partner of CSPs. A letter had gone to Peter Rudge seeking a nomination but a reply is awaited.</p> <p>MB advised S&S that there were proposed national changes to the Probation Services under the heading “Transforming Rehabilitation” and invited partners to respond to the consultation which closes 22nd February.</p>	<p>ALL</p>	

Next meeting: TBC